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FOR THOMAS AND MELROSE IN A, CLARK IN EUR/EX FROM HUNT

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SUBJ: PRESIDENTIAL VISIT

1. AS YOU NO DOUBT KNOW BUCHAREST IS THINLY STAFFED POST AND WILL NEED CONSIDERABLE TDY SUPPORT IN ORDER TO PERFORM THE MANY FUNCTIONS REQUIRED TO SUPPORT THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT. PROBLEM IS EVEN MORE SERIOUS SINCE THE CONSULA OFFICER AND ONE OR TWO OTHERS ARE AWAY ON EMERGENCY LEAVE WITH HEALTH PROBLEMS. THEY NEED THE FOLLOWING ASSISTANCE:

A. FINANCE. THE POST DOES NOT HAVE ANYONE AVAILABLE TO CARRY OUT THE RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE FINANCE AREA. SUGGEST DAVID MRAZ, REGIONAL B&F OFFICER IN VIENNA, BE DETAILED TO ARRIVE ASAP. IF MRAZ UNAVAILABLE PLEASE SEND ANOTHER QUALIFIED OFFICER TO ARRIVE WITHIN THE NEXT DAY OR TWO.

B. HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS. THIS WILL BE A PROBLEM. REQUEST TDY OFFICER TO ARRIVE NO LATER THAN TUESDAY OF THIS WEEK. I AM NOT CERTAIN IF JOAN CORBETT HAS BEEN TAGGED BUT SHE COULD DO THE JOB, OR IF JOAN AUT FROM LONDON IS AVAILABLE, SEND HER.

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C. TRANSPORTATION. JOE MELROSE MENTIONED THAT HEINZ

ZIMMERMAN MIGHT BE AVAILABLE. IF SO, HE WOULD BE FINE FOR OVERALL TRANSPORTATION, AND EITHER JIM DOYLE OR WILLIAMS FROM PARIS COULD DO MOTORCADES. WE WILL NEED THE TRANSPORTATION MAN EARLY THIS WEEK AND THE MOTORCADE MAN BY THE WEEKEND JULY 26.

D. BAGGAGE. WE WILL NEED SOMEONE CAPABLE OF CARRYING OUT THE BAGGAGE RESPONSIBILITY. HE SHOULD ARRIVE LATE THIS WEEK. THE ONLY OFFICER I CAN THINK OF IS JOHN BASTEK FROM MOSCOW.

E. SECURITY. THE POST WILL NEED SIX ADDITIONAL MARINES. THREE SHOULD ARRIVE ASAP AND THREE MORE A DAY OR TWO BEFORE THE AUGUST 2 ARRIVAL.

F. COMMUNICATORS. THE POST IS DOWN TO TWO COMMUNICATORS. WE ESTIMATE THEY WILL NEED FOUR ADDITIONAL C&R TYPES TO ARRIVE ASAP.

G. SECRETARIES. I BELIEVE THAT EIGHT ADDITIONAL SECRETARIES WILL BE REQUIRED. WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE FOUR NOW ON AN URGENT BASIS TO BE FOLLOWED BY TWO ON FRIDAY JULY 25 AND TWO ON FRIDAY AUG. 1.

H. LOGISTIC AND EVENT OFFICERS. I HAVE JUST GONE OVER THE OFFICER COMPLEMENT VERY CAREFULLY WITH THE DCM AND ADM. OFFICER AND VIRTUALLY THEIR ENTIRE ON-BOARD STAFF WILL BE COMMITTED TO COUNTERPART AND SUPPORT FUNCTIONS. I SERIOUSLY DOUBT THAT THEY WILL HAVE ANYONE AVAILABLE FOR ASSIGNMENTS TO SITES AND IN CONTROL ROOM TYPE FUNCTIONS. THEY WILL NEED A MINIMUM OF EIGHT ADDITIONAL OFFICERS. THEY SHOULD BE JUNIOR MIDDLE GRADE OFFICERS WHO ARE CAPABLE OF CARRYING OUT A VARIETY OF TRIP ASSIGNMENTS. SUGGEST TWO TO ARRIVE MID-WEEK THIS WEEK, TWO BY FRIDAY OR SATURDAY THE 26TH/27TH, AND FOUR ON MONDAY OR TUESDAY THE 28TH/29TH. ONE OFFICER IN THE AREA WHO WOULD BE EXCELLENT FOR THIS TYPE ASSIGNMENT WOULD BE PAUL BLAKEMAN IN LENINGRAD.

2. AS INDICATED ABOVE, I RECOGNIZE THAT THIS IS A VERY CONFIDENTIAL

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SIZEABLE REQUEST FOR TDY ASSISTANCE BUT THE POST IS AN EXTREMELY SMALL ONE, CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH THEY WORK ARE EXTREMELY TRYING AND THE SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS LEVIED BY THE DEPARTMENT MAKE THIS LEVEL OF SUPPORT ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL.

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